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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Sir:

This is a response the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed March 31, 2008 in the above-identified application. The Notice indicates that the brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims.

Enclosed is a new page 1 for the Appeal Brief, which replaces the original page 1 as filed on March 20, 2008. The section "III. Status of Claims" has been supplemented to state that claims 1, 13-15 and 19 have been canceled.

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Respectfully submitted,

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APPEAL BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. §41.37

Sir:

This appeal is taken from the final action of June 20, 2007. In support of the Notice of Appeal filed December 20, 2007, the present Appeal Brief is presented.

I. Real Party in Interest

The real party in interest is the assignee, MAPAL Fabrik für Präzisionswerkzeuge Dr. Kress AG.

II. Related Appeals and Interferences

The Applicant, the assignee and the undersigned attorney are not aware of any related appeals and interferences.

III. Status of Claims

Claims 2-12, 16-18, and 20-25 are pending and on appeal herein. Claims 1, 13-15 and 19 have been cancelled.